

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF RHODE
ISLAND**

Steven Palange

Plaintiff

Vs.

Michael B. Forte

Defendant

CA 19 - 340

VERIFIED COMPLAINT SEEKING DECLARATORY RELIEF

INTRODUCTION

This is a Federal Civil Right Complaint brought pursuant to 42 U.S.C. sec. 1983 and the Uniform Declaratory Judgement Act. It seeks an Order declaring that the policies and practices of the Rhode Island Supreme Court and the Rhode Island Family Court deprive Steven Palange of his United States and State of Rhode Island Constitutional Rights. His is denied of his rights to be free from deprivations of his property, liberty and life without due process of law, his rights to family integrity and familial relationships and his rights to equal protections under state and federal laws.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this lawsuit under 28 U.S.C. sec. 1331 because this case involves federal questions pertaining to the United States Constitution. The Court also has proper pendent jurisdiction arising under state laws. Venue is proper in this Court because

the defendants reside in this judicial district and this is the judicial district where the causes of actions have arisen.

PARTIES

Plaintiff Steven Palange is a natural born citizen of the United States and the State of Rhode Island. He resides at 10 Grandeville Court, Apartment 934, Wakefield, Rhode Island, 02879

Defendant Michael B. Forte is the chief administrative officer of the day to day operations of the Rhode Island Family Court. He is responsible for designing, formulating, implementing, causing and enforcing the policies and practices engaged in by persons working on his behalf within the day to day operations of the Rhode Island Family Court. Through agents, officers and employees working on his behalf Michael Forte has caused and enforces and continues to cause and enforce the challenged laws, customs and practices applied against Steven Palange and other persons similarly situated

He is further responsible for directing and coordinating the operations of the various divisions of the Rhode Island Family Court. He is sued in his official capacity for declaratory relief. At all relevant times Michael Forte is acting under color of Rhode Island laws, customs, policies and practices.

FACTS

1. On or about May 09, 2018, acting pursuant to and protected by the policies and practices caused by Michael Forte, Attorney Richard Updegrave, Judge Sandra Lanni and Margarita Palange conspired to deprive Steven Palange of his familial and custodial rights to his minor daughter K without due process of law, his rights to equal protection under the laws and of his rights to honest court and legal services.
2. On May 09, 2018 acting as benefactors and participants of Michael Forte's policies, Attorney Updegrave and Margarita Palange knowingly and willfully filed a frivolous pleading against Steven Palange in the Rhode Island Family Court and sought without just cause an EMERGENCY EX-PARTE MOTION to effectively terminate the custodial rights and relationship between Mr. Palange and his daughter.
3. Neither Attorney Updegrave nor Margarita Palange presented any allegation or evidence on the record that would warrant the granting of An Emergency Ex-parte Order.
4. Allegedly an Ex-parte hearing occurred between Judge Sandra Lanni and Attorney Updegrave on May 09, 2018 in Judge Lanni's Chambers. There was no stenographic Order or any other type of record created at this hearing
5. On May 09, 2018 Judge Lanni issued an Order against Steven Palange which de-factually has terminated a prior divorce settlement agreement between Margarita Palange and Steven Palange and his de-factually terminated the parental, custodial and relationship rights of Mr. Palange and his minor daughter K: 1.

6. The May 09, 2018 Order was sought and granted by Attorney Updegrove, Margarita Palange and Judge Lanni to silence the speech of Steven palange and punish, prohibit, threaten and intimidate Mr. Palange from disseminating to the public and media information that he shares with the public.
7. The May 09, Order was granted without due process of law and without a record to conceal the illegality of that Order and the actions of the individuals responsible for obtaining that Order.
8. The illegal Order was caused by Michael Forte and his policies of allowing persons that work on his behalf in the Rhode Island Family Court and other individuals that work within the Rhode Island Family Court or are benefactors of his unlawful policies to engage in routine practices of dishonest court and legal services. He further allows, condones, authorizes, impliedly authorizes, attorney malpractice designed to misrepresent customers of the courts, the tampering of stenographic transcripts to conceal or distort what truly happened at hearings concerning Mr. Palange, the delaying of docketing Mr. Palange's appeals, causing consent agreements that Mr. Palange did not consent to and otherwise deprive Mr. Palange of property, family and life without due process of law, to deny him access to honest court services and to deny him equal protection under the laws.
9. Michael Forte causes and enforces a policy of adjudicating family cases that are primarily heard and consent agreements made that are done off the record in private "in chambers" to replace on the record and open proceedings.
10. Michael Forte influenced and or Ordered Judge Lanni to cause Guardian ad Litem for K to no longer investigate and testify about the best interest of K.

11. Since May 09, 2018 and continuing till present Michael Forte has caused Mr. Palange to suffer deprivation of family integrity and the parenting and child relationship with his daughter K .
12. He suffers Orders, decisions and findings of facts that are obtained without record, evidence, due process, articulations explaining the factual and legal basis for coming to those adjudications and without judicial impartiality.
13. He is further denied the peace of knowing that his child's best interest will be heard and considered in this case.
14. Michael Forte has caused the best interest of K to be concealed, not heard, not put on the record and not applied to K
15. Mr. Palange is further chilled and silenced of his speech and his thoughts, knowledge and concerns to the online community and media.

The facts outlined in Paragraphs 1 through 15 reveal that the policies and actions implemented and caused by Michael Forte and acted upon by persons working on his behalf cause Mr. Palange to suffer deprivations of his 1st, 4th, and 14th amendment rights to the United States Constitution and deprivations of his State of Rhode Island Constitutional Rights

PRAYER FOR DECLARATORY RELIEF

Steven Palange prays that the Court makes findings of facts that Michael Forte causes

persons working on his behalf to engage in practices and patterns that subject Mr.

Palange to deprivations of federal, constitutional and state protected rights.

And to issue a declaratory judgment declaring that Michael Forte causes and enforces a

policy of dishonest court and legal services and that policy causes Mr. Palange to

deprivation of his Constitutional Rights;

Declaring that Michael Forte causes and enforces a policy of tampering and altering the

transcripts of hearings concerning Mr. Palange;

Declaring that Michael Forte causes and enforces a policy of having off the record,

ex-parte, in chambers meetings to substitute and replace open and on the record hearings

concerning Mr. Palange;

Declaring that Michael Forte causes and enforces policies, practices and customs that

deprive Mr. Palange of his Constitutional rights to family integrity, property, due process

of law, equal protection under the laws and honest court services and access to the public

facilities of the courts.



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